

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 2nd 2000

Call Sign Listings

The society's call sign listings are currently being updated, in preparation for the next Year Book, due to be published early in 2000. The call listings are based on the call sign data supplied by the Office of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation.

Where radio experimenters indicate to the ODTR that they do not wish their name and address details to be published in call books, the note "Details withheld at licensee's request" is shown in the Year Book in place of the name and address. If you have indicated to the ODTR that you do not want your name and address details to be published, but now want to amend that request, you should immediately contact Joe Ryan EI7GY, who looks after the society's membership records.

Members who have previously been in touch with Joe (or with Sean Donelan, the society's treasurer) on this point, need not do so again, as a record has been kept of all requests made to Joe and Sean.

Joe Ryan can be contacted by email at jryan at iol dot ie, or by writing to him at his home address, which is listed in the year book.

North Dublin Radio Club

After a successful run in Raheny Library, the NDR Exhibition on Amateur Radio will be further displayed for the Month of January in Coolock Library, Barryscourt Lane near the car park entrance at the eastern side of Northside Shopping Centre. Demonstration Stations (HF and VHF) for members of the public will be held at the Bayside Scouts Den, Dublin Road, Sutton on Saturdays from 11 am until 5 p.m. on January 8th, 15th. and 22nd.

Please note that these stations may also be of interest to all EIs wishing to log one of the official callsigns issued by the ODTR to the IRTS for allocation to Millennium Special Event Stations.

The callsign allocated for the above events is EI2MM.

The Bayside Scouts Radio Group has also been successful in obtaining this callsign for The EI Activity Day in March and for their Millennium Jamboree On The Air Station next October.

Millennium DX Marathon

The Millennium DX Marathon sponsored by the WestNet DX Group finished at year end and entrants have until March the 1st to get their entries to Declan EI6FR.

There are two sections, one for those licensed since January 1st 1996 and one for those licensed before that date.

A substantial radio related prize awaits the winners of both sections and these will be presented at the IRTS AGM in Monaghan in April.

Amateur Television

Fast Scan TV is the latest mode to catch the imagination of the amateur community and is now starting to spread throughout EI having been practised in the Dublin area for a few years past.

There now three repeaters licensed in the country, the first being EI2TVR located near Cork Airport overlooking Cork City. The input is on 1250MHz and the output is on 1293MHz.

Signal reports to Aiden EI3EG at QTHR.

EI4DVR is sited on Three Rock Mountain, beaming north to cover Dublin City and is being received as far north as Dundalk.

This repeater is not yet complete and is operating as a beacon radiating a test card experimentally on 1293MHz.

Signal reports to Mike EI2DJ please.

EI2ATR is sited on Loughanlea in County Cavan about 45 miles north west of Dublin. This repeater is experimentally receiving signals on 3cm and re-transmitting them on 23cm with pictures being received equally well in Dundalk, Maynooth, Swords and Dublin City.

Signal reports to Ronnie EI9ED please.

South Dublin Radio Club

Members of South Dublin Radio Club travelled North to County Antrim during December to celebrate the Christmas season with the Glengormley Electronics Amateur Radio Society (which has the call sign Golf-November-Zero-Xray-Yankee-Zulu).

Travelling from Dublin were Tom McGrath EI7HT, Nicholas Cummins EI5FLB and Joe Ryan EI7GY. They were welcomed to Glengormley by club chairman Brian McMahon GI4KEQ, and presented with an honorary membership certificate of the Glengormley club which covers all members of the South Dublin Radio Club.

The Rathfarnham based South Dublin Radio Club and County Antrim based Glengormley Electronics Amateur Radio Society have had close links for many years, which have been cemented with exchange visits and joint operations.

Next IRTS Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the IRTS Committee will be held in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone on Saturday January 22nd at 11.00am.

Affiliated clubs are reminded that a representative can be sent to this and other meetings of the Committee.

A national packet meeting is provisionally fixed for the same date and venue. Anyone interested should contact Liam EI7FE on 052-22493.

Dates for your Diary

Members of the Tipperary Group re-assemble for their first meeting of New Year on Wednesday next, January the 5th at Raheen House in Clonmel. The start is at 2000 and visitors are very welcome.

As this year's Saint Patrick's Day falls on a Friday, an EI activity weekend is being proposed, covering the Friday Saturday and Sunday 17th to the 19th. Clubs are asked to make a special effort to activate rarer counties over the period. Please advise the news service of your intentions.

The Limerick Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday the 26th of March 2000 in the Limerick Inn Hotel The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th next year.

Message from the news team

As this is the first broadcast of the New Year, the news team would like to take the opportunity of wishing all listeners and internet subscribers the very best for the year 2000.

May all your dreams come true.

Our thanks in particular to the newsreaders whose reliability ensured that no broadcast was missed during the past year.

Thanks also to the regular contributors, whose input is invaluable in putting together the weekly scripts.

As usual at this time every year, we appeal to club officers to keep us posted of happenings in their own clubs.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be phoned to Dave Moore at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021 823172 during office hours. You may also e-mail to ei4bz@irts.ie or to ei8ir@eircom.net Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR, on the phone at 01-4509514 or by e-mail to ei7im@qsl.net.

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